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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

Leave rules for teachers

* 109 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to introduce uniform leave rules for teachers working in aided elementary schools under various agencies ; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The rules relating to Elementary Schools contain uniform provision for grant of leave to the teachers working in aided elementary schools. The managements can claim grants on the basis of the provision therein. A copy of the rules has been placed in the Legislature Library for reference.

Pension

* 110 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rate of pension allowed to teachers of B.T. Grade retired on and after 1st July 1960;

(*b*) the rate of pension allowed to such teachers retired prior to that date; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to make the rate of pension uniform?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) B.T. Assistants and Headmasters who retired before 1st July 1960 were eligible for pension calculated at the rate of one rupee for each year of service subject to a maximum of Rs. 30. In the case of Headmasters, a special additional pension calculated at the rate of one rupee per year of service as headmaster, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 was admissible. The scheme of pension has been revised with effect from 1st July 1960, under which B.T. Assistants and Headmasters retiring on or after that date will be eligible for pension like other teachers on the basis of the total years of service and the average emoluments drawn during the last three years, subject to a maximum of Rs. 60 and Rs. 75 per mensem respectively.

(*c*) No.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the difficulty in making this pension uniform inasmuch as teachers who retired even one day earlier are drawing only half of the pension of the person who retires the next day?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have considered all aspects of this question and taken decisions.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Before taking decisions, do Government in such cases estimate the approximate expenditure and if it is negligible, is it not to be welcomed on the part of the Government to consider these proposals?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government do take into account the approximate cost for the commitment. But, at the same time, I would like to tell the hon. Member that it is not a question of the cost for the commitment alone, but that there are certain principles also.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I just give information that once the Government have conceded the principle, there is no harm in applying the principle with retrospective effect?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may say that there will be no harm in it. But Government, as I have stated, have taken into account all aspects of this question and taken this decision.

* 111 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Government order was passed in September 1961, sanctioning pension to teachers in Non-Government schools during re-employment after retirement; and

(b) if so, the date from which such sanction to draw pension has been given?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes.

(b) 16th September 1961.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As it is a question of principle, as suggested by the Government, cannot that principle be extended to those who retired before 16th September 1961 that no teacher should draw less than what he drew before retirement?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have considered that aspect and taken the decision.

Rural Medical Practitioners

* 112 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of L.M.Ps. working as Rural Medical Practitioners in the State as on 1st July 1962;

(b) their scale of pay; and

(c) under whom they are working?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) 42.

(b) They are paid a fixed subsidy of Rs. 65 per mensem.

(c) Panchayat Union Councils.